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EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
August 8, 2002
South San Francisco, CA

MINUTES

Members Present:

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair
Newton Gordon, DDS
LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA
Ariane Terlet, DDS
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, AEO
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Secretary
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel
Anita Scuri, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 pm. All members of the committee were present and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Approval of Examination Committee Minutes

The minutes of the May 16, 2002 Exam Committee Meeting was approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Elimination of the Use of Human Subjects in the Licensure Examination

John Galbraith of the California Dental Association (CDA) spoke in support of the committee looking to remove the use human subjects from the exam. He also provided several articles and studies for the committee's review.

Dr. Morrow from Loma Linda commented on the increased difficulties in establishing a patient pool for the exam process and how students are being sold patients at the exam sites. RDH, Shanda Wallace, opposed the elimination of live patients, particularly in the perio section. Coragene Savio, DDS, Chief Examiner for the Dental Board since 1976, also spoke against this concept. She feels that typodonts can not simulate real-world situations, such as live patients in the office. She is not aware of any problems with the live patient format. Drs. Nokashima and Fong, both examiners for the Dental Board, agreed

with Dr. Savio in that simulators do not provide real world experience.

Judy Babcock of CDA, commented on what other licensing agencies are doing and encouraged the board to establish a subcommittee in order to further evaluate this issue.

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, commented that he has been in touch with other regional testing agencies and has obtained minutes from their various committees on this issue. He would like to see this board work towards using technology that could resolve this issue.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Recommendation of Appointment of EF Examiners

Karen Wyant, Executive Officer for COMDA, requested approval to appoint Susan Potter and Rita Atencio as EF Examiners.

It was m/s/c (Osuna/Terlet) to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.